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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: June 29, 1954

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SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Whiting Willauer, Tegucigalpa
Assistant Secretary Holland

COPIES TO: The Secretary
General Smith
Mr. Murphy

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At about 1:50 p.m. on June 29, I telephoned Ambassador Willauer and reported to him the formation of the new Junta in Guatemala, the request made to Ambassador Peurifoy that the United States lend its good offices to try to bring about the cease-fire agreement and the conference in El Salvador. I advised him of my calls to McDermott and to Whelan as well as their replies. I asked that if there were any means known to him whereby he could cause news of this proposal to reach the rebel commander that he do so. Specifically, I asked that the statement be made if the rebel commander would name an hour this afternoon at which he would suspend ground operations the forces of the Government in Guatemala City would suspend theirs at the same time. Further, that if the rebel commander would indicate the time when he would arrive in El Salvador tomorrow that Monzon would arrive there at the same time. I asked Ambassador Willauer to transmit this information also to President Galvez, and urge that all possible precautions be taken to maintain secrecy in order that the meeting, if held in El Salvador, might have a chance for success.

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